Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

1-12. Canceled.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer system for passing data ~~from a node to~~

~~another node~~along a workflow route including a plurality of nodes, based upon a business

process definition defining a route of passing data, said computer system comprising:

a plurality of computers each serving as a workflow server and

accommodating a plurality of client terminals each operative as one of nodes on the

workflow route;

a storage means for storing a first business process definition including an

exit node, said first business process definition defining a first route of passing data

among a first group of client terminals ~~and being defined in at least~~ belonging to a first

one of said plurality of computers, and a second business process definition including an

entrance node, said second business process definition defining a second route of passing

data among a second group of client terminals ~~and being defined in at least~~ belonging to a

second one of said plurality of computers; and

an information generation means for generating coalition information

providing correspondence between said exit node of said first business process definition,

and said entrance node of said second business process definition; ~~and,~~

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wherein said first one of said plurality of computers includes a passing

control means for passing said data from said exit node of said first business process

definition, to said second one of said plurality of computers corresponding to said

entrance node of said second business process definition, based upon said coalition

information, so that said data is passed through a route including comprising said first

route and said second route.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer system according to claim 13, wherein each

of said first business process definition and said second business process definition is

stored in the respective individual storage means of different associated with said first

and said second computers, respectively.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer system according to claim 13, further

comprising:

an allocating means for allocating said first business process definition and

said second business process definition to different computers.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer system for passing data along a workflow

route including a plurality of nodes from a node to another node, based upon a business

process definition defining a route of passing data, said computer system comprising:

a plurality of computers each serving as a workflow server and

accommodating a plurality of client terminals each operative as one of nodes on the

workflow route;

a storage means for storing a first business process definition including a

call node and a return node, said first business process definition defining a first route of

passing data among a first group of client terminals belonging to and being defined in at

least a first one of said plurality of computers, and a second business process definition

including an entrance node and an exit node, said second business process definition

defining a second route of passing data among a second group of client terminals

belonging to and being defined in at least a second one of said plurality of computers;

a coalition information generation means for generating correspondence

between said call node of said first business process definition, and said entrance node of

said second business process definition, and for generating correspondence between said

exit node of said second business process definition, and said return node of said first

business process definition; and

wherein said first one of said plurality of computers includes a passing

control means for passing said data from said call node of said first business process

definition, to said second one of said plurality of computers corresponding to said

entrance node of said second business process definition, and for receiving said data at

said return node of said first business process definition, from said exit node of said

second business process definition, based upon said coalition information, so that said

data is passed through a route includingcomprising said first route and said second route.

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17. (Currently Amended) A computer system according to claim 16, further

comprising:

a display device controlled by a computer, for displaying a business

process definition defining a route of passing data, said display device displaying said

call node in a display mode different from display modes of other nodes.

18. (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 16, wherein

said call node and said return node are different nodes.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer system according to claim 16, wherein each

of said first business process definition and said second business process definition is

stored in the ~~respective~~individual storage means ~~of different~~associated with said first and

said second computers, respectively.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer system according to claim 16, further

comprising:

an allocating means for allocating said first business process definition and

said second business process definition to different computers.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer system for passing data <u>along a workflow route including a plurality of nodes</u><s>from a node to another node</s>, based upon a business <u>process</u> definition defining a route of passing data, said computer system comprising:

a plurality of computers <u>each serving as a workflow server and accommodating a plurality of client terminals each operative as one of nodes on the workflow route</u>;

a storage means for storing a first business <u>process</u> definition including a call node and a return node, said first business <u>process</u> definition defining a first route of passing data <u>among a first group of client terminals belonging to</u><s>and being defined in at least</s> a first one of said plurality of computers, and a second business <u>process</u> definition including an entrance node and an exit node, said second business <u>process</u> definition defining a second route of passing data <u>among a second group of client terminals belonging to</u><s>and being defined in at least</s> a second one of said plurality of computers; and

an interface information passing means for passing interface information relating to said call node and said return node of said first business <u>process</u> definition, to said second one of said plurality of computers having a storage means storing said second business <u>process</u> definition including said entrance node and said exit node, so that said data is passed through a route <s>including</s><u>comprising</u> said first route and said second route.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for passing data <u>along a workflow route including a plurality of nodes</u><s>from a node to another node</s>, based upon a business <u>process</u>

definition defining a route of passing data, by use of a computer system, said method

comprising the steps of:

storing a first business process definition including an exit node, and a

second business process definition including an entrance node, said first business process

definition defining a first route of passing data among a first group of client terminals~~and

being defined in at least~~ belonging to a first one of a plurality of computers in said

computer system, and said second business process definition defining a second route of

passing data among a second group of client terminals~~and being defined in at least~~

belonging to a second one of said plurality of computers;

generating coalition information providing correspondence between said

exit node of said first business process definition, and said entrance node of said second

business process definition; and

passing said data from said exit node of said first business process

definition~~,~~ to said second one of said plurality of computers corresponding to said

entrance node of said second business process definition, based upon said coalition

information, so that said data is passed according to a route ~~including~~ comprising said

first route and said second route.

23. (Currently Amended) A method for passing data along a workflow route

including a plurality of nodes~~from a node to another node~~, based upon a business process

definition defining a route of passing data, by use of a computer system, said method

comprising the steps of:

storing a first business process definition including a call node and a return

node, and a second business process definition including an entrance node and an exit

node, said first business process definition defining a first route of passing data among a

first group of client terminals ~~and being defined in at least~~ belonging to a first one of a

plurality of computers in said computer system, and said second business process

definition defining a second route of passing data among a second group of client

terminals ~~and being defined in at least~~ belonging to a second one of said plurality of

computers;

generating a coalition information for providing a correspondence between

said call node of said first business process definition, and said entrance node of said

second business process definition, and for providing correspondence between said exit

node of said second business process definition, and said return node of said first

business process definition; and

passing said data from said call node of said first business process

definition, to said entrance node of said second business process definition, and receiving

said data at said return node of said first business process definition, from said exit node

of said second business process definition, based upon the coalition information, so that

said data is passed according to a route ~~including~~ comprising said first route and said

second route.

24. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 23, further comprising:

a step performed by a display device controlled by said computer system,

of displaying said business process definition defining said route of passing data, and

displaying said call node in a display mode different from display modes of other nodes.

25. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 23, wherein said call

node and said return node are different nodes.

26. (Currently Amended) A method for passing data along a workflow route

including a plurality of nodesfrom a node to another node, based upon a business process

definition defining a route of passing data, by use of a computer system, said method

comprising the steps of:

storing a first business process definition including a call node and a return

node, said first business process definition defining a first route of passing data among a

first group of client terminals belonging toand being defined in at least a first one of a

plurality of computers in said computer system, and a second business process definition

including an entrance node and an exit node, said second business process definition

defining a second route of passing data among a second group of client terminals

belonging toand being defined in at least a second one of said plurality of computers; and

passing interface information relating to said call node and said return

node of said first business process definition, to said second one of said plurality of

computers having a storage means for storing said second business process definition

including said entrance node and said exit node, so that said data is passed according to a

route including comprising said first route and said second route.

27. (Currently Amended) A program product for use with a computer system

passing data along a workflow route including a plurality of nodes from a node to another

node, based upon a business process definition defining a route of passing data, having a

computer readable medium storing a computer program comprising:

a process of storing a first business process definition including an exit

node, and a second business process definition including an entrance node, said first

business process definition defining a first route of passing data among a first group of

client terminals belonging to and being defined in at least a first one of a plurality of

computers in said computer system, and said second business process definition defining

a second route of passing data among a second group of client terminals belonging to and

being defined in at least a second one of said plurality of computers;

a process of generating coalition information providing correspondence

between said exit node of said first business process definition, and said entrance node of

said second business process definition; and

a process of passing said data from said exit node of said first business

process definition, to said second one of said plurality of computers corresponding to

said entrance node of said second business process definition, based upon said coalition

information, to pass said data through a route including comprising said first route and

said second route.

28. (Currently Amended) A program product for use with a computer system

passing data along a workflow route including a plurality of nodes~~from a node to another~~

~~node~~, based upon a business process definition defining a route of passing data, having a

computer readable medium storing a computer program comprising:

a process of storing a first business process definition including a call node

and a return node, and a second business process definition including an entrance node

and an exit node, said first business process definition defining a first route of passing

data among a first group of client terminals belonging to~~and being defined in at least~~ a

first one of a plurality of computers in said computer system, and said second business

process definition defining a second route of passing data among a second group of client

terminals belonging~~and being defined in at least~~ a second one of said plurality of

computers;

a process of generating a coalition information for providing a

correspondence between said call node of said first business process definition, and said

entrance node of said second business process definition, and for providing

correspondence between said exit node of said second business process definition, and

said return node of said first business process definition; and

a process of passing said data from said call node of said first business

process definition, to said second one of said plurality of computers corresponding to said

entrance node of said second business process definition, and for receiving said data at

said return node of said first business process definition, from said exit node of said

second business process definition, based upon the coalition information, to pass said

data through a route ~~including~~ comprising said first route and said second route.

29. (Currently Amended) A program product according to claim 28, further

comprising:

a process performed by a display device controlled by said computer, of

displaying a business process definition defining said route of passing data, and

displaying said call node in a display mode different from display modes of other nodes.

30. (Previously Presented) A program product according to claim 28, wherein

said call node and said return node are different nodes.

31. (Currently Amended) A program product for use with a computer system

passing data along a workflow route including a plurality of nodes~~from a node to another~~

~~node~~, based upon a business process definition defining a route of passing data, having a

computer readable medium storing a computer program comprising:

a process of storing a first business process definition including a call node

and a return node, said first business process definition defining a first route of passing

data among a first group of client terminals belonging to~~and being defined in at least~~ a

first one of a plurality of computers in said computer system, and a second business

process definition including an entrance node and an exit node, said second business

process definition defining a second route of passing data among a second group of client

terminals belonging to~~and being defined in at least~~ a second one of said plurality of

computers; and

a process of passing interface information relating to said call node and

said return node of said first business process definition, to said second one of said

plurality of computers having a storage means storing said second business process

definition including said entrance node and said exit node to pass said data through a

route ~~including~~ comprising said first route and said second route.